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In re application of:

Masahiro Watanabe, et al.

Application No.: 09/603,459

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For: CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM  
APPARATUS AND AUTOMATIC  
ASTIGMATISM ADJUSTMENT  
METHOD

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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